



THE HILL COUNTRY CALLER

HILL COUNTRY CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

February 2010, Newsletter

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Epistle from the Pastor:

Our week in Oklahoma was blistering cold but the warmth inside Phillips Theological Seminary made it tolerable. Linda and I have decided that I will continue at this for awhile. This semester, I will be getting into the Hebrew Bible. I've never really trusted the translations of the early church, so this should be interesting. I pray that my ministry with you is not suffering. Please let me know if you or anyone you know feels ignored.

I could never have attempted this journey without the support of Hill Country Christian Church, Janie Harrison (our Associate Minister), Kim Arocha (my legal assistant at my law firm) and Linda (who has input and footnoted all of my papers.) I feel very much directed by God in this effort, though I have certainly, at times, been like Job in my resistance.

Where is God directing you?

Pax, Pace, Peace
Pastor Larry
Cell: 210-865-1081

Thank You!

Thank you to the entire congregation for the generous Christmas gift you gave to Linda and me. While I am blessed with an 80% scholarship to Phillips Theological Seminary that does not apply to books or to travel and living expenses during the one week per semester I must spend on campus. Your gift went a long way toward funding my January week. Please accept our sincere thanks.

Linda and Larry Garcia

A MESSAGE FROM THE ELDERS...

Our bylaws state the responsibilities of the elders are to assist the ministers in developing and fostering the spiritual life of the congregation, to provide supportive counsel for the ministers and assist and share in the ministers' pastoral and priestly functions. The four elders for this year are as follows: Gary Shelton (Chair), Cathy Lutz, Kurt Geiwitz, Mary Jane Ramsey.

Our congregation is divided into four teams, each team having one elder and two deacons. Each team is responsible for one Sunday a month to assist in the worship service. Everyone attending this church is placed on a team and will soon be notified of which team he or she is on and who the elder and deacons for that team are. Lists are posted in the church office if you do not know your deacons or elder or which team you are on. When the deacons call and ask if you would like to serve or read scripture, please let them know your preference, if any. Not everyone is comfortable in each responsibility so please let your deacons know your comfort level.

We want to serve the entire congregation to the best of our ability. If you need the comfort or advice of an elder and are more comfortable with a particular man or woman, please feel free to call the elder with whom you are most comfortable talking to about a problem or concern. The elders are here for you, the congregation, and, therefore, are your contacts for concerns, prayer, wedding attendance, funeral and family attendance, visitation and more. It is our privilege to serve the Lord and his Church.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Help is needed!! We are having a scavenger hunt for Valentine Decorations for the Sweetheart Café. If you have any decorations you would like to donate or loan for the evening to help decorate, please bring them to church ASAP. We are looking for everything from crystal to paper. If you are able to help, please see or contact Christina Hallum. Thank you for your support to our YOUTH!! God Bless.



♥ Annual Sweetheart Café ♥ Sunday, February 14, 2010 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sanctuary dining \$20 / Family/Private Dining \$25 (limited space available)

Steak Dinner with your loved ones and family!!!

(Hotdog and chips kids' meal for children and younger youth will be available at no additional charge)

All proceeds to benefit our church youth for camps and other activities throughout the year!



There is a need for silk or fresh flower arrangements on the altar table each Sunday. If you would like to loan or donate something lovely to the church, it would be appreciated. Please contact Sandy Walsh & let her know which Sunday you would be willing to make your floral offering.

In order for Easter Lilies to add beauty & meaning to our sanctuary again this year, we will be taking orders starting Feb. 7 – 21. Cost will be \$12.00; you may pay with cash or check at the time you place your order. The procedure will be much the same as it was for ordering poinsettias.

Have a blessed day everyday!!
The Worship Committee
Chair, Sandy Walsh
830-899-7278

Bulverde Emmaus Gathering



Our next Bulverde Emmaus Gathering is
Sunday evening, February 21st, at Bulverde UMC
4th Day Speaker: Anna Blackstock

Food and fellowship begin at 5:30 p.m., and worship begins at 6:15 p.m.
Childcare will be provided.

Mark your calendar for Feb. 21st! DeColores!



FEBRUARY 26-27

CALLING ALL DISCIPLES WOMEN

FIRST VISION GATHERING FOR DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Who is a Disciples Woman? ALL women who are members or attending a Disciples of Christ church are DISCIPLES WOMEN! You do NOT have to be a member of a group.

This will be a great opportunity to meet our Executive Director of DWM from Indianapolis, Indiana. She is spirit filled and you will enjoy being with other Disciples Women as Adonna excites us to what was and what will be! Be a part of this wonderful opportunity to meet together and learn more about where we came from and where we are going!

If you need any more information, you may contact me.

Marilyn Petrick, BBA Disciples Women's Ministries Coordinator
Meme4@281.c0m / 512-793-2242

2010 BBA/LRGV & CPA Annual Men's Retreat

"Brothers in Christ"
Romans: 12

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Nelson Torres

February 19-20, 2010

Disciples Oaks Retreat Center, Gonzales, TX

Information pamphlets and registration forms are located on the information table located by the church office.



Early Easter

Easter is early this year and Ash Wednesday will be on February 17. We will have a service at 7:00 p.m. which will include, for those who wish, the "imposition" of ashes in the shape of a cross on their forehead.

Ash Wednesday is the 40th day before Easter. The "trick" is you don't count Sunday s because those are days of joy and celebration. The other days before Easter are referred to as Lent. These are days of remembrance of the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus.

Sometimes people give up something for Lent. I will ask that you take up something for Lent. Think about doing something outside of your comfort zone. Perhaps even joining the Church Growth Committee!

HCCC Happenings. . .

► Weekly

Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Sunday school
10:30 a.m. - Blended Worship Service with Children's church (Nursery care available)

Wednesday

5:45-7:00 p.m. - Praise Team Practice
We also practice before worship on Sunday
6:30-8:00 p.m. - Jr. High Youth Bible Study Supper & Bible study plus activities

7:00 p.m. - Prayer Group (except when Board meets, then it is 5:45) Prayer request cards are located by the sanctuary or through our website

Thursdays

7:00 p.m. - AI-Anon

► Bi-Monthly

Friday

4:15 p.m. - Daisy Girl Scouts Troop 362

► Monthly

2nd Saturday

8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast & Fellowship
We just get together for a great breakfast, good fellowship and a little prayer to start our day. Come join us.

2nd Sunday

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Emmaus Gathering
Refer to article for this month's location.

3rd Saturday

9:30a.m. - Noon: CWF
Christian Women's Fellowship
Each month we get together for devotional time, enrichment time, great fellowship and lunch. All women are welcome join us.

4th Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - BOARD Meeting

► Special Dates

February 17, 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday

February 21 -28 - Week of Compassion

February 21 - Blood Drive

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Hill Country Christian Church parking lot, sign-up sheets will be available.

Think About Saving Paper

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THE PEOPLE GAVE.

Stewardship

Budget Needs per Month	\$ 9,583
Budget Needs YTD as of 12-31-09	\$115,000
Receipts YTD as of 12-31-09	\$116,167
Amount that Receipts are MORE than Budget	\$ 1,167

Offerings

12/06/2009	\$3,938
12/13/2009	\$1,665
12/20/2009	\$2,187
12/27/2009	\$1,315
12/30/2009	\$ 250

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

Jon Becker - 1st
Scott Thomas (Vestal) - 2nd
Audra Dalton - 3rd
Herbert Hardegree - 4th
Krista Dalton - 10th
Orlando Martinez - 10th
Faye Ennis - 10th
Debbie Shea - 10th
Rodney Roberts - 11th
Amanda Spriggs Cortez - 19th
Kristina Vestal - 19th
Zachary Piece - 21st
Carmella Russell - 22nd
Jessie Trevino - 27th
Mark Vestal - 27th
Christina Martinez - 28th

ANNIVERSIES

Ron & Cathy Lutz - 3rd
Butch & Michelle Trevino - 14th
Orlando & Tani Martinez - 16th
Judith Seagroves & Lloyd Schlameus - 29th

If you would like a birthday or anniversary listed, please inform Debra in the church office 830-980-2019 or debhccc@gvtc.com

Hill Country Christian Church

FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 7:00 Bible Study with Rev. Harrison	5	6
7 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship	8	9	10 5:45-7:00 Praise Team Practice Jr. High Bible Study 6:30-8:00 7:00 Prayer Group	11 7:00 Al-Anon	12 4:15 Daisy Girl Scouts	13 8:30 Men's Breakfast Sweetheart Café setup 9:00 a.m. - noon
14 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship Sweetheart Café	15 7:00 Fundraiser Comm. Mtg.	16	17 ASH WED. 5:45-7:00 Praise Team Practice 6:30-8:00 Jr. High Bible Study 7:00 Prayer Group	18 7:00 Al-Anon	19 4:15 Daisy Girl Scouts	20 9:30 – Noon CWF
21 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship BLOOD DRIVE 9:00 – 1:00 EMMAUS Gathering BUMC 5:30 fellowship 6:00 Worship	22 WEEK	23 OF	24 5:45 Prayer Group 5:45-7:00 Praise Team Practice 6:30-8:00 Jr. High Bible Study 7:00 - BOARD MTG COMPASSION	25 7:00 Al-Anon ➔	26 ➔	27 9:00 – 4:00 ATHA Group ➔
28 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship ➔						

HCCC office hours: Mon.-Thru., 9:00-3:00, closed Fridays

Pastor Larry is in the church office on Wednesdays or by appointment: 210-865-1081

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